IRAQ

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Barham SALIH

Head of Government
Prime Minister-designate Mustafa al-KADHIMI

Government Type
federal parliamentary republic

Capital
Baghdad

Legislature
unicameral Council of Representatives or Majlis an-Nuwab al-Iraqiy (329 seats)

Judiciary
Federal Supreme Court or FSC (consists of 9 judges); Court of Cassation (consists of a court president, 5 vice-presidents, and at least 24 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Farid YASIN

US Ambassador
Ambassador Matthew TUELLER

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
Growth slowed in 2017 compared to the previous two years as domestic consumption and investment fell because of civil violence, corruption, and a sluggish oil market

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$649.3 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$16,700 (2017 est.)

Exports
$61.4 billion (2017 est.)
partners: India 21.2%, China 20.2%, US 15.8%, South Korea 9.4%, Greece 5.3%, Netherlands 4.8%, Italy 4.7% (2017)

Imports
$39.47 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Turkey 27.8%, China 25.7%, South Korea 4.7%, Russia 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
38.9 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
2.16% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Arab 75-80%, Kurdish 15-20%, other 5%

Language
Arabic (official), Kurdish (official), Turkmen (a Turkish dialect), Syriac (Neo-Aramaic), and Armenian official in areas where native speakers of these languages constitute a majority of the population

Religion
Muslim (official) 95-98% (Shia 64-69%, Sunni 29-34%), Christian 1%, other 1-4% (2015 est.)

note: the Christian population may have dropped by as much as 50% since the fall of the SADDAM Husayn regime in 2003

Urbanization
urban population: 70.9% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 3.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
50.1% (2018)

GEOGRAPHY
Area,
Total: 438,317 sq km
Land: 437,367 sq km
Water: 950 sq km

Climate
mostly desert; mild to cool winters with dry, hot, cloudless summers; northern mountainous regions along Iranian and Turkish borders experience cold winters with occasionally heavy snows that melt in early spring, sometimes causing extensive flooding in central and southern Iraq

Natural Resources
petroleum, natural gas, phosphates, sulfur

as of April 2020